

Arizona Ready

Legislative Update – Major Education Bills

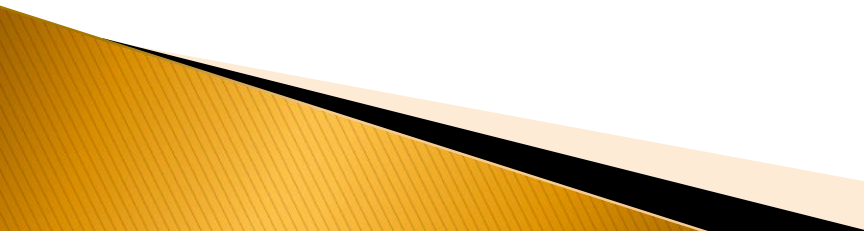
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Overview

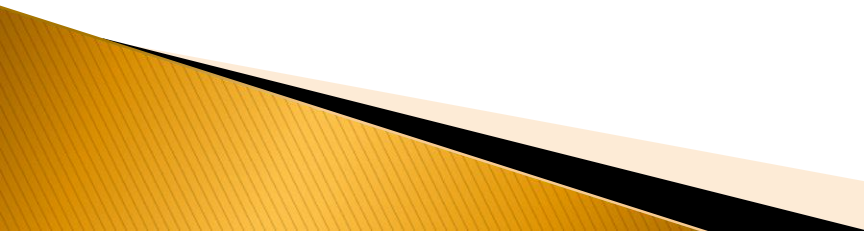
▶ Ed. Bills Signed by Governor

- HB 2071 – ADE; OPERATIONS
- HB 2317 – FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD; EXPIRED USE
- HB 2425 – EDUCATION BOARD; ELL; COMPETENCY TESTS
- HB 2427 – SCHOOLS; UNIFICATION; CONSOLIDATION; INITIAL MEETINGS

Overview

- ▶ Ed Bills Transmitted to the Governor
 - HB 2169 – UNIVERSITIES; STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS; TUITION; FEES
 - HB 2476 – SCHOOLS; ISOLATION ROOMS; RESTRICTIONS
 - SB 1204 – CHARTER SCHOOLS; APPLICATIONS; RENEWALS; REVOCATIONS
 - ▶ About 40 education bills still progressing
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Ed. Bills that Impact AZ Ready Goals

- ▶ SB 1204 – CHARTER SCHOOLS; APPLICATIONS; RENEWALS; REVOCATIONS
 - ▶ SB 1444 – SCHOOLS; PERFORMANCE FUNDING
 - ▶ HB 2047 – PUPIL ASSESSMENT; AIMS TRANSITION
 - ▶ HB 2425 – EDUCATION BOARD; ELL; COMPETENCY TESTS
 - ▶ HB 2488 – 200 DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR; FUNDING
 - ▶ HB 2500 – SCHOOLS; TEACHER EVALUATIONS; DISMISSALS
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SB 1204 – CHARTER SCHOOLS; APPLICATIONS; RENEWALS; REVOCATIONS

- ▶ Sponsor(s) – Sen. Yee
- ▶ Bill History – Transmitted to the Governor.
- ▶ Major Provisions
 - Make various changes to statute relating to charter school establishment, renewal, and revocation
 - Allow a charter sponsor to revoke the charter from a school if that school has not made sufficient progress towards academic or operational performance expectations
 - Exempt the State Board for Charter Schools from rule-making requirements for two years to allow the Board to charge a fee on new charter applicants

SB 1444 – SCHOOLS; PERFORMANCE FUNDING

- ▶ First Sponsor – Sen. Yee
 - ▶ Bill History – Passed out of Senate Rules. Could be included in the budget.
 - ▶ Major Provisions
 - Create a K–12 Performance Funding Allocation as part of the Equalization Base
 - Stipulate that performance funding would consist of the an Achievement Payment plus an Improvement Payment minus a Reallocation Amount
 - Require ADE to provide recommendations for legislative consideration for FY 2016 to fairly and accurately transition performance funding from AIMS to PARCC
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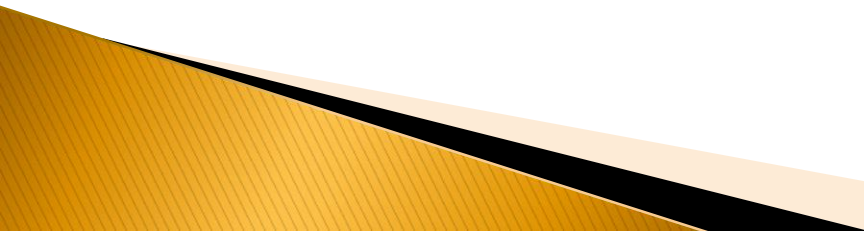
HB 2047 – PUPIL ASSESSMENT; AIMS TRANSITION/ HB 2425 – EDUCATION BOARD; ELL; COMPETENCY TESTS

- ▶ First Sponsor – Rep. Goodale
 - ▶ Bill History – HB 2047 stalled in Senate Committees. HB 2425 was amended on the Senate floor to include key provisions of HB 2047. HB 2425 passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on 3/28/13.
 - ▶ Major Provisions in HB 2425
 - Eliminate the requirement for a Norm-Referenced Test
 - Eliminate the requirement for students to pass all parts of the state assessment in order to graduate
 - Eliminate the ELL Task Force
 - Send the duties of the ELL Task Force to the State Board of Education
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HB 2047/2425 – Feedback

- ▶ Overall, the data show strong support for the standards and an aligned assessment from Arizonans – including across political parties.
 - 4 out of 10 voters have heard a lot or some about the standards, with about 60% support across political parties.
 - When Arizona voters heard information about the standards, 83% were in favor of their implementation, with high levels of support (78–89%) across political parties.
 - 73% of voters believe that the assessment needs to match the standards.
- ▶ While we have a very decent level of support, we still have a lot of people we need to reach with messages about the standards. And if we can get in front of them, regardless of their political party, we can likely get their support.

HB 2488 – 200 DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR; FUNDING

- ▶ First Sponsor – Rep. Boyer
 - ▶ Bill History – Failed Senate Education on 3/21/13 with 4 Ayes, 5 Nays. Could be considered in the budget.
 - ▶ Major Provisions
 - Allow a school district or charter holder that elects to provide 200 days of instruction (rather than 180 days) to increase its base level by eight percent, increased from five percent
 - Allow D or F schools that elect to provide 200 days of instruction to receive an increase in the base level by eight percent if each school has incorporated the 200 days of instruction in its improvement plan
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HB 2500 – SCHOOLS; TEACHER EVALUATIONS; DISMISSALS

- ▶ First Sponsor – Rep. Goodale
- ▶ Bill History – Passed out of Senate Rules on 3/26/13.
- ▶ Major Provisions
 - Allow districts to use multiple years of data to show positive and negative trends in student achievement
 - Let districts have a more stringent definition of "inadequate classroom performance"
 - Allow teachers on a performance improvement plan time to show improvement but require they must maintain their current performance on areas that are adequate, while at the same time improve deficiencies
 - Permit districts to observe highly effective and effective teachers once (instead of twice), unless the teacher requests a second observation, so that evaluators can focus on helping struggling teachers